

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system and method of recognising command related  
5 items in a body of object code, such as command names  
and/or associated option names involves entering a list of  
required command names and/or option names in programming  
language form into a filter table. The object code is then  
scanned for all bit strings potentially representing  
10 command names and identifying such names. For each  
potential command name, succeeding bits are then examined  
for bits which represent valid options for each said  
command name so as to further confirm the identity of  
15 commands having valid combinations of command names and/or  
options. Optionally, the command/option syntax may also be  
checked. The candidate commands, including options, now  
identified in programming language form are then compared  
with the entries in the filter table to determine whether  
or not they match the required list, which may be further  
20 refined by use of logical operators.